

REMARKS

This paper is being provided in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, for the above-referenced application. In this response, Applicant has amended the specification for purposes of clarification. Further, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, as noted below. No claims have been amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

The objections to the Title and Abstract have been addressed by amendments contained herein in accordance with the guidelines as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be reconsidered and withdrawn.


Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-5, 7, 13, 23 and 25.

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1, 2, 6, 8-12, 14-22, 24 and 26-30 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26, 33, 35, 41 and 46 of co-pending Application No. "10/692,283". Applicant notes that the cited application is entitled "Prosthesis delivery systems and methods," and Applicant believes that this application was cited in error. The description in the Office Action of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection leads Applicant to the conclusion that the Examiner intended to cite co-pending Application No. 10/692,383, which is commonly-owned with the present application.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection, noted above, has been addressed herein by an accompanying Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Based on the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4038.

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